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CASH CROPS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of cash crops which are mainly popular in the country;

(b) whether encouragement to these crops fits in the agricultural policy;

(c) if so, the strategy chalked out by the Government in the area of cash crops; and

(d) the steps being taken to implement the same?

Answer

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

(a)&(b): Cash Crops which are popular in the country include Cotton, Oilseeds, Jute, Sugarcane, Horticultural Crops etc. The Agriculture Policy envisages a major thrust for the development of crops particularly horticultural, floricultural, plantation, aromatic and medicinal crops.

(c)&(d): The Government has adopted various strategies to increase production of above mentioned crops through yield enhancement and area expansion. The important Schemes under implementation for increasing production of these crops are:-

1. Technology Mission on Cotton.

2. Integrated Scheme of Oilseeds, Pulses, Oilpalm and Maize (ISOPOM).

3. Schemes under Macro Management Mode of Agriculture like Special Jute Development Programme and Sustainable Development of Sugarcane Based Cropping System Areas.

4. National Horticulture Mission

Under these schemes, assistance is provided for inputs like seeds/planting material, agricultural implements, water saving devices like sprinkler, drip, pest control measures, as well as transfer of crop production and plant protection technology through demonstration, training of farmers/extension workers etc.